

For this cause- Sis. Robyn (1.6.14am)

Eph. 3

Paul had a cause; vs- 16 for this cause. Paul was a man with a cause. He wasn't stuck in a rat race. He had a clear sense and purpose. His life was used up for this cause. There was no doubt in Paul's mind and heart that he was separated. The moment that he was saved, he was separated.

Gen. 1

God is already teaching us about separation in this chapter, from the beginning of time. When we were placed in Christ, we were placed in the light, for a purpose. The light was put in us to stand out, shine in the darkness.

There are lots of demands put upon us (family, work, friends etc) but let this chapter encourage you. When God gives you a task, how often do you confer with flesh and blood? Paul didn't, he just set himself to work. He focused on the task at hand.

Paul had a burden for the gentile nation. To get to this point, a person needs to look beyond his own desire, status, himself. He saw a world of Gentiles walking against Christ. He saw that he had the answer for the Gentiles.

Eph. 3:8-12

Salvation is so great- if it is so great, then you won't neglect it. Paul was passionate about this cause because it was so important to him. What do we see when we set aside our plans, ambitions, desires? What is the driving force behind what we do, where we go, who we spend time with?

Eph. 3:14-16

How often do we need to be strengthened by might in our inner man? This is a reminder of Ps. 1:3- tree planted by a river. Strength comes from drawing from the constant water supply, strengthening the inward parts. We must be planted by rivers of water if we are to draw strength. Study to show yourself approved.

What we love and desire affects our behaviour. The day that we were saved we were put on a different course. We are now governed by the love of God. Being attentive to God's word shows our love. We are rooted and grounded in love, the breadth, depth, height, of Christ.

Knowing the heart of God is to know the love of God.

If only life was like math's it would be simple. We could apply a formulae to any problem and it would be solved. However, salvation and life is not like that. Many Christians say follow this diagram and the person will say a sinners prayer or watch this movie and it will lead them to Christ. But, not every unsaved soul will respond to the same formulae.

Jude 21

There is no formulae to follow, but look for the need in every situation. How do we know when we need to chastise, or pull from the fire? Knowing how the love of God operates will guide us in these situations.

Eph 3:19

Being filled with the love of God includes knowledge.

Problems or challenges are usually people. Pray, look beyond yourself, see the need. How many times do you get frustrated with? Be the light in the dark place. Show the love, mercy they need. Look beyond your own plans and desires, see the need and respond to it.

God has given us everything that enables us to meet the need. But only as we look beyond ourselves.

Eph. 3:20

Above all we can ask or think- it is wonderful to know that we can pray for this. Sometimes we figure things out ourselves and then tell God. But his ways are higher than our ways. Think of Jehoshaphat- he had nothing, so he said, it's over to you Lord.

When there seems to be no way, God will pull you through. God can do above all what we see and think.